of technical feasibility and financial viability. In regard to all the three projects mentioned above, the matter has been referred back to the Governments of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh respectively, seeking clarifications regarding the financial viability, costing and funding mechanisms.

The final decisions on the projects would be dependent on the financial viability of the project, satisfactory funding arrangements being worked out with the State Govts./Local Bodies and on the total quantum of funds that would be made available for urban transport projects in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Proposal for connecting Macherla station with Angole station by a Railway line

1374. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to connect by a meter gauge line to Macherla station in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh with Ongole station in Prakesam district, so as to reduce the distance between New Delhi and Madras;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether there is a time frame within which it should be taken up, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Functioning of drug addiction centres in the country

1375. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drug deaddiction centres functioning in different States as on date:

(b) the number of those out of the above being run by the voluntary organisations in different states; and

(c) what are the facilities provided by Government for these centres?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As on date, 36 Drug de-addiction centres have been sanctioned in different States by the Ministry of Welfare.

(b) All the centres sanctioned by this Ministry are being run by the voluntary organisations.

(c) Of the total cost of running the centres, 90 per cent which includes recurring and non-recurring expenditures on medical and para medical staff, rental, expenditure on medicines and other miscellaneous items are met by the Ministry of Welfare. Financial Assistance is also provided for purchase of vehicles wherever required.

देश में बड़ी लाइन, मीटर लाइन तथा छोटी लाइनों की लम्बाई

1376. डॉ० अब्दार अहमद खान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आजादी के बाद से अब तक देश में बिछायी गयी बड़ी लाइन, मीटर लाइन तथा छोटी रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई कितनी है, तथा वे किन-किन राज्यों में बिछाई गयीं और उन पर कितनी लागत आयी ;

(ख) राजस्थान में इन तीन श्रेणियों के अंतर्गत आने वाली रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई कितनी है और इस समय पूरे देश में इन रेल लाइनों की लम्बाई के मुकाबले उनका प्रतिशत कितना है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में कौन-कौन सी नई रेल लाइनें बिछायी जा रही हैं अथवा बिछाये जाने का विचार है राज्य में किन-किन नदियों पर मध्यम से पुलों का निर्माण किया जायेगा; इसके लिए पर कितनी लागत आयेगी और उनका निर्माण कब किया जायेगा; किन-किन स्थानों पर कब ऊपरी पुलों का निर्माण किया जायेगा ; और